

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 340 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWSON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ADDRESS THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS AND ALLEYS.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LAWSON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 340 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lawson, Missouri (“Code”) shall be amended by adding a new Section, Section 340.115 which reads as follows:

**Section 340.115. Golf Carts.**

*A. Definition as used in this Section.*

GOLF CART – A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour.

*B. Operation of Golf Carts.*

1. No person shall operate a golf cart as defined in this Section upon the streets and alleys of the City of Lawson, except as follows:
  - a. Golf carts owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
  - b. Golf carts owned and operated by a resident of the City on a City street with a valid operator’s or chauffeur’s license between sunrise and sunset on the day of operation, and the vehicle shall be operated at the speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour. Such operator must carry a special permit issued by the City annually. No permit will be issued except on conditions set forth by the City of Lawson, including, but not limited to, a registration fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
2. Any person operating a golf cart pursuant to this Section shall abide by the following:
  - a. When operated on a City street, a golf cart without a roof shall have a bicycle safety flag, which extends not less than seven (7) feet above the ground, attached to the rear of the vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty (30) square inches and shall be dayglow in color. If the golf cart has a roof, a reflective device shall be attached to the rear of the roof.
  - b. No person shall operate a golf cart on any State highway, except to cross a portion of the State highway system which intersects a municipal street. However, no golf cart shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five (45) miles per hour.
  - c. The operator of a golf cart shall not operate such cart in any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.

- d. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes.
- e. The operator of a golf cart shall not operate such golf cart except between the hours of sunrise and sunset, unless the golf cart is properly equipped with headlights, tail lights, brake lights and turn signals.
- f. The operator of a golf cart shall not operate such cart while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- g. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with all traffic and signage rules and ordinances as the same would apply to motor vehicles.
- h. The operator of a golf cart must carry insurance coverage on said golf cart. Proof of such insurance shall specifically list the vehicle as referenced by the serial number and year of model.
- i. Any individual operating a golf cart with a passenger under the age of seven (7) years must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- j. An operator of a golf cart may not carry more passengers than the golf cart is designed to hold.

C. A violation of this Section shall be an ordinance violation.

**SECTION 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

**SECTION 4.** That should any section, sentence or clause of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, or clauses.

**SECTION 5.** That the repeal of any ordinance or parts of an ordinance by this Ordinance shall not have any effect on existing litigation and shall not operate as an abatement of any action or proceeding under or by virtue of the repealed ordinance.

Read the first time by title only and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lawson, Missouri, this Missouri this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Read the second time by title only and passed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor of the City of Lawson, Missouri this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Martin Hummel, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Oulman, City Clerk